

LESSON OVERVIEW

In this lesson, students will learn about **Human Rights**. They will learn about the different rights we have and violations of these rights around the world.

Match the two halves of the statements.

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| 1. We all have the right to believe in | a. our own decisions. |
| 2. We have the right to good | b. what we want to believe in. |
| 3. We have the right to vote in | c. healthcare. |
| 4. We have the right to make | d. work and to relax. |
| 5. Nobody has the right to make | e. us a slave. |
| 6. We all have the right to rest from | f. public elections. |



Listen

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5. Listen to six people describing Human Rights. Match the Human Right with the speaker.

- Equal before the law: The law is the same for everyone. It must treat us all fairly. Example: *Speaker 5*
- Right to public assembly: We all have the right to meet our friends and to work peacefully together to defend our rights.
- Right to play: We all have the right to rest from work and to relax.
- The right to responsibility: We all have a duty to other people, and we should protect their rights and freedoms.
- Food and shelter for all: We all have the right to a good life.
- No slavery: Nobody has any right to make us a slave. We cannot make anyone our slaves.



6. Read the texts. Which one is about the violation of a person's:

- a. right to education? b. right to shelter and a bed to sleep in?
c. right to express their views and opinions?

María, a journalist for El Barrio newspaper, is still missing seven days after she mysteriously disappeared. Maria disappeared from her home last Thursday, the day after one of her news stories appeared in El Barrio. It seems that someone broke into her flat that evening and kidnapped her. Police think that she is being held against her will. Her family have not heard from her since last Wednesday afternoon, and are very frightened for her safety. It is estimated that at least nine journalists are abducted every year. Some are later freed, but many aren't found.

My name is Khaliif and I live in Somalia. I have a brother and a sister. There is a small school in my town, but I don't go there. I live in a small hut with my father and my mother. In the morning I make porridge for my brother, who is five, and my sister who is ten. Then my brother is looked after by my sister while I go to work. She isn't given any help by my mother or father as they have to look after the animals. I work as a shoe shiner. I need to work to help my family, but I want to go to school. I know life will be better if I can get an education.

I'm Ben. I lost my job and couldn't afford to pay the rent for my flat so I had to move out. Now I have nowhere to go. I sleep on the streets or in the park. I try to find other homeless people to sleep with because it is less dangerous. Sometimes we are shouted at by passers-by, but some people are kind and bring us clothes and blankets.

Glossary

- **abduct:** *secuestrar*
- **break into:** *entrar en*
- **hold someone against their will:** *tener preso a alguien*
- **hut:** *cabaña*
- **shoe shiner:** *limpiabotas*

7. Read again. Choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. María disappeared _____.
A. a week ago
B. a month ago
C. yesterday
2. She has contacted _____.
A. her family
B. the police
C. nobody
3. Why doesn't Khaliif go to school?
A. Because he doesn't want to.
B. Because there isn't a school in his village.
C. Because he has to work to help his family.
4. Khaliif's _____ looks after his brother.
A. sister
B. father
C. step-mother
5. Why doesn't Ben have anywhere to live?
A. There aren't enough houses .
B. He doesn't have enough money to pay the rent.
C. He left his family and moved out of his home.
6. Sometimes they are given _____ by passers-by.
A. food and drink
B. money
C. clothes and blankets

9. Look back at the texts on page 53 and complete the sentences with the correct form of *be*.

- a. Nine journalists _____ abducted every year.
- b. Many _____ found.
- c. My brother _____ looked after by my sister.
- d. She _____ given any help by my mother or father.
- e. We _____ shouted at by passers-by.

12. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1. In some countries children _____ to work.
A. are forced B. is forced C. force
- 2. Many journalists _____ every year because of what they write.
A. kill B. are kill C. are killed
- 3. In some countries, people _____ against minorities because of their religion or skin colour.
A. are discriminated B. discriminate
C. discriminates
- 4. My best friend doesn't go to school because he _____ after his ill mother.
A. are looked B. is looked C. looks
- 5. Torture _____ in some countries to extract confessions or information.
A. are used B. is used C. uses
- 6. Many employees _____ enough to feed their families.
A. aren't paid B. pay C. are paid

